



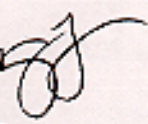
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DIVISION OF CHILD DEVELOPMENT ADMINISTRATIVE LETTER NO. 3-99

TO: County Departments of Social Services
Other Child Day Care Purchasing Agencies
State Level Contract Agencies

FROM: Stephanie D. Fanjul 

ISSUED: September 30, 1999

SUBJECT: TANF Maintenance of Effort (MOE) and
Family Size and Income

EFFECTIVE DATE: Upon Receipt

Effective July 1, 1999, state child care expenditures for "**TANF eligible**" families may be counted toward the TANF Maintenance of Effort (MOE) requirement. A family that is making at or below 200% of the federal poverty level (FPL) and is employed or in training or education to support employment, although not an active TANF (Work First) recipient, is "TANF eligible." A TANF eligible family does not have to be a former or current Work First recipient. A large number of subsidized child care families are at or below 200% of the federal poverty level and could be counted to meet the MOE requirements.

We need your help in order to meet the MOE requirement and be able to use all available child care funds. In order to determine if a family may be counted as TANF eligible, the family income and family size (income unit) **must** be entered into the Subsidized Child Care (SCC) system for all families. Staff should use the SCC program's definition of family income and family size. Please have your staff enter the family income and family size figures into our system during October and November, 1999. This information should be entered for all child care cases. This includes child care that is provided without regard to income such as to support child protective services and child welfare services. The Child Day Care Voucher and Child Day Care Action Notice are being revised to assist with this in the future.



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The test of a family's income against the federal poverty level will be made by the Subsidized Child Care System and will be transparent at the county level. County staff need only enter the family income and size into the database.

Thank you for your diligence in providing accurate and up-to-date information on the children we serve.

SDF/BB

cc: County Finance Officers
Local Support Managers